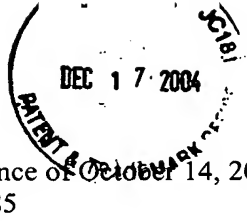


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

 Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

 X No additional claim fee is required.

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